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Health Officer's Report

September 10, 2010

To: Flathead City-County Board of Health Members

From: Joe Russell

Re: Health Officer's Report

The following is the Health Officer's report for July through August and will report matters to the Board that have policy or fiscal implications.

Fiscal Year 2011 Budget

The Commissioners will hold a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget the morning of our Board meeting. If anything out of the ordinary comes up during the hearing I will let you know.

Septage (Septic Matters)

It appears that changing the Powers and Duties of Local Board of Health to include a section on septage disposal to treatment facilities and excluding land application has conflicts with other statutes and existing rules. The Department of Environmental Quality continues to assist with how our request can be implemented. We have two private enterprises that have voiced a desire to get into the septage treatment business.

Sandry-Bray Variance

I sent a letter to the applicant on August 27th instructing them of the Board's decision to grant the variance. I have also been in contact with the DEQ to request that they rethink the application of this rule in the 100-year floodplain.

DEQ Appeals

Once again, I would like to introduce legislation to remove the DEQ from the process of hearing appeals of local board of health variance decisions. The DEQ is actually in favor of this but the deadline has passed for them to request statute changes. If any of you know a legislator that would like to sponsor this bill, let me know.

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MPEA Matter

As per the MPEA Agreement, Anna McCracken and Kelly David inform you that they are pregnant and their health care providers find no medical reason that would limit their activities at work. There is other information in their letters I believe should be protected and redacting the letters is not possible.

Other

I will be in St. Louis September 20th through the 22st for a Council to Improve Foodborne Outbreak Response meeting. I will be taking leave September 27th through October 1st.



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August 27, 2010

Kurt Hafferman
Billmayer and Hafferman, Inc.
2191 Third Ave. East
Kalispell, MT 59901

Re: Variance Request –Sandry and Bray
Tracts 2BAA, 2BB, 6AA, 2BAB and 2BC, Section 30, Township 28, Range 20
715 and 905 Wagner Lane, Kalispell

Dear Kurt,

During a special meeting of the Flathead City-County Board of Health held August 26th, 2010 the Board granted the variance requested on the above referenced properties. Specifically, the board granted a variance to Chapter 8 of the system design and construction standards and allowed the drainfield to be placed in a filled site.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Joseph W. Russell, R.S., M.P.H.
Health Officer

CC: Board of Health
Montana Department of Environmental Quality